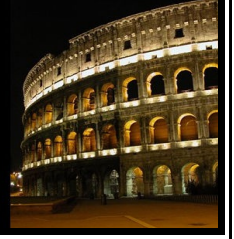


Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"The Judgment of God" Romans 2:1-16



Introduction:

Matthew 23:25-28

I. GOD'S JUDGMENT IS INESCAPABLE (vs. 1-4)

A. The Fact of Man's Guilt (vs. 1)

"therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment"

"for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself"

"for you who judge practice the same things"

B. The Justice of God's Judgment (vs. 2-3)

"and we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things"

- knowledge (vs. 1)
- truth (vs. 2-3)
- guilt (vs. 4-5)
- deeds (vs. 6-10)
- impartiality (vs. 11-15)
- motive (vs. 16)

"but do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself..."

"that you will escape the judgment of God?"

C. The Degree of Man's Guilt (vs. 4)

"or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience"

"not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance [*metanoia*]?"

II. GOD'S JUDGMENT IS RIGHTEOUS (vs. 5-11)

A. The Justice of God's Pronouncement (vs. 5-6)

"but because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart..."

"you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God"

Acts 17:30-31)

"who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS" (Psalm 24:12)

B. The Justice of Man's Punishment (vs. 7-9)

"to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality eternal life"

I John 5:20

"but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth but obey unrighteousness"

"wrath and indignation. There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil"

"of the Jew first and also of the Greek"

C. The Justice of God's Performance (vs. 10-11)

"but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"

"for [gar] there is no partiality with God"

III. GOD'S JUDGMENT IS IMPARTIAL (vs. 12-16)

A. His Impartiality Explained (vs. 12-13)

"for [gar] all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law"

"and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law"

"for [gar] it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified"

B. His Impartiality Illustrated (vs. 14-15)

"for [gar] when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves"

"in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts"

"their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them"

C. His Impartiality Emphasized (vs. 16)

"on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus"

Conclusion:

- 1) Every time I condemn bad behavior in others, I condemn myself. (vs. 1-3)
- 2) Every time I am not punished immediately, God is giving me time to turn around. (vs. 4-5)
- 3) Repentance is essential to experience God's acceptance. (vs. 6-11)
- 4) Outward religious performance is meaningless (or even condemnatory) if it is not produced from the heart. (vs. 12-16)